

Eli Thayer's Assault upon W. L. G. - as
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My Dear May,

I was very glad to
see your handwriting once more,
and I am glad you sent me
Eli Thayer's latest exhibition
of himself, which I had not
before seen, and which is too
ridiculous ^{to excite serious} ~~for~~ indignation.
That he should ^{go back to} ~~go back to~~
1850-57 to quote the lies of
pro-slavery papers is the very
acme of silliness. Garrison's
"Refuge of Oppression" would
furnish him with many a
better specimen of that sort of

of literature. Thurlow Weed
was an astute politician, but
his ignorance of anti-slavery his-
tory finds palpable illustration in
his grouping of Garrison with
Birney and Goodell as a supporter
of the Liberty party in 1844! Why,
the two last named accused
Garrison and his supporters of
favoring the election of Clay in
the contest of that year, as you
will not fail to recollect.

Shayer is now in the
gutter, where he belongs, and
where there is no need of fol-
lowing him. Let him wallow
to his heart's content. If he
should ever again get a hearing

in a respectable quarter and
say anything requiring notice,
I can hold my nose, and for
the cause sake make such ex-
planations as may be thought
needful.

I am very sorry to learn
that you have had an attack
of lumbago, but glad it is over.
I think I may fairly say that
the winter is dealing gently with
me. My appetite is fair, I sleep
well, and my chest and throat
give me less trouble than they
did a year ago. I have
gained a little in strength in the
last three months, but not enough
to fit me for hard work. In
bad weather I do not go out,
but hug the chimney corner.

Mrs. Johnson and our
daughter reciprocate your good
wishes with earnest warmth,
I do myself.

Yours, ever,

Oliver Johnson.